



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



Join the Force San Antonio! Ready the hyperdrive, because this year we're launching the Join the Force summer volunteer campaign. It's time to tap into the living Force and bring out your inner volunteer. We have several opportunities available for you to get involved in areas all over the city, including Animal Care Services, Human Services, Parks & Recreation, the San Antonio Public Library, and more! So don't fall to the Dark Side, join the Light, and help us make San Antonio a better city. For more information on the volunteer program, please visit our webpage at sanantonio.gov/volunteer

May the Volunteer Force be with you. Always.

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Volunteer Highlights

City Ambassadors Volunteer with Senior Services!



In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the City of San Antonio Ambassador Program interns volunteered at the 8 City operated Comprehensive Senior Centers (Bob Ross Senior Center, Doris Griffin Senior Center, Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center, West End Park, District 5 Senior Center, Willie M. Cortez Senior Center, Northeast Senior Center and District 2 Senior Center). In efforts to spread awareness on elder abuse, Ambassadors engaged in interactive activities, including playing bingo and chair volleyball, dancing, offered computer lessons, and served lunch to the seniors. Ambassadors also had the opportunity to talk with seniors about their experiences and posted photos and videos of their interactions on social networks for the City's SASpeakUP campaign.

Volunteer Highlights Continued...

Security Hill Top III Volunteers at Medina Base Park

The Security Hill Top III volunteers did an amazing job volunteering at Medina Base Park on Friday June 5, 2015. The volunteer group consisted of 22 men & women tasked to mulch trees, wipe out graffiti, paint and pick up litter. The group was divided into three groups. The first group mulched over 30 trees using 10 yards of double grind mulch. The second group painted over 10 picnic benches and wiped out excessive graffiti throughout the park. The third group picked up at least 7 trash bags full of litter in addition to heavy duty litter items consisting of a large trashcan, sewer hose, and various debris left from flood waters. In total, the group contributed 44 hours to the park !

Thank you to the Security Hill Top III for adopting Medina Base Park; we appreciate you!!!



Volunteer Highlight—San Antonio Public Library

Sarina Hackworth is an invaluable volunteer at the Johnston Branch of the San Antonio Public Library. In 2011, Sarina applied to volunteer as a way to earn hours as required for school community service. She loves books and thought the library would be the perfect place to spend her spare time. After completing 100 hours in less than 6 months Sarina was hooked and as she puts it, "couldn't stop!" Sarina spent more than 250 hours at Johnston Library in 2014 and shows no signs of slowing down.

She enjoys the library environment with opportunities to help out anywhere and takes on any new project that comes up. She can see the immediate impact her time has on the ability of staff to get things done. Sarina equates her service time as a type of meditation since some tasks require repetition and have a calming effect on her.

The team at Johnston looks forward to Sarina's volunteer time. Sarina complements the weekly Teen Time events, locates missing items and is always ready to lend a hand. Sarina is Johnston's metaphoric neighbor whom you call to borrow a cup of sugar to make a cake except she doesn't just bring the sugar; she brings the eggs, the oil and stays nearby to watch the cake bake to perfection.



Upcoming Opportunities-No Graffiti SA Volunteer Workshops

Graffiti Abatement volunteer workshops teach you how to effectively wipe out graffiti in San Antonio.

When: Last Thursday of each month at 10am: July 30th, August 27th & September 24th OR last Saturday of each month at 9am: July 25th, August 29th & September 26th.

Where: City Service Facility, 110 Callaghan Rd. San Antonio, TX 78228

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